GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MULTI PURPOSE IDENTITY CARDS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to launch a multi purpose National Identity Card Scheme under which every Indian citizen will get a card with an identity number and his/her finger prints;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have examined all the pros and cons of the scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which in depth examination of all relevant issues is likely to be completed; and

(e) the names of the districts proposed to be covered initially under this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Multipurpose National Identity Card scheme involves creation of an identification system for more than one billion citizens, streamlining the existing machinery for the registration of births and deaths at the grass root level and choices of institutional as well as technological options for creation of a integrated database of personal identities capable of being continuously updated.

(c) to (e): Given the complexities of the task at hand, it has been decided by the Government to undertake a Pilot Project on an experimental basis in a few districts/sub-districts of 13 States and Union Territories. The Pilot Project is to be initiated in April 2003 and expected to be completed within one year. A list of districts/sub-districts, proposed to be covered under the Project, is annexed.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF AREAS PROPOSED FOR THE PILOT PROJECT

Sl.No	State	District	Sub-district
1.	Jammu & Kashmir	Kathua (All Tahsils)	Bilawar Tahsil
			Bashohli Tahsil
			Kathua Tahsil
			Hiranagar Tahsil
2.	Gujarat	Kachchh	Lakhpat Taluka
3.	Uttranchal	Pithoragarh	Pithoragarh Tahsil
4.	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer	Jaisalmer Tahsil
5.	Uttar Pradesh	Maharajganj	Nowtanva Tahsil
6.	Assam	Karimganj	Pathankardi Revenue Circle
7.	Andhra Pradesh	Medak	Narsapur Mandal Hathnoora
			Kowdipally Mandal
			Shivampet Mandal
			Jinnaram Mandal

8. West Bengal Murshidabad Murshidabad-Jiaganj CDBlock
Murshidabad MC

9. Tripura West Tripura Agartala East Tahsil

1.(a) Agartala Sheet No.13-24

Agartala West Tahsil

1.(b) Agartala Sheet No.1-12

Lankamura Tahsil

1. Shingerbil
2. Lankamura

Barjala Tahsil

1. Ramnagar
2. Barjala

Indiranagar Tahsil

1. Indiranagar
2. Kunjaban

10. Tamil Nadu Ramanathapuram Tiruvadanai Taluka
11. Goa North Goa Tiswadi Taluka
12. Pondicherry Pondicherry Karaikal Sub-Taluka
13. Delhi North-West District Narela Tahsil
Village Pooth Khurd (CT)